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GENERAL OUTLOOK

SUMMARY

APRIL 1, 1990

BELOW NORMAL SNOWFALL DURING MARCH HAS KILLED ANY HOPES OF HAVING NEAR NORMAL RUNOFF CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IDAHO. STREAMFLOW FORECASTS ARE WELL BELOW NORMAL ACROSS MUCH OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IDAHO, SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL IN EASTERN IDAHO AND THE UPPER SNAKE BASIN, AND NEAR NORMAL IN NORTHERN IDAHO. EARLY SNOWMELT DURING LATE MARCH AND EARLY APRIL COULD COMPOUND THE PROBLEM, CAUSING STREAMS TO RECEDE TO LOW FLOW CONDITIONS MUCH EARLIER THAN NORMAL. WATER USERS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IDAHO SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEIR LOCAL IRRIGATION DISTRICTS FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SNOWPACK

Snowfall was disappointing across the entire state of Idaho during March, with most basins receiving only 50-75% of normal amounts. Adding to the problem, snowmelt began 2-3 weeks earlier than usual, causing a net loss at some snow courses during the month. Northern Idaho continues to report the best snowpacks in the state, ranging from 70 to 116% of normal. Snowpacks are considerably lower elsewhere, ranging from 8 to 77% in central and southern Idaho, and 58 to 87% in eastern Idaho and the upper Snake River basin in Wyoming. SNOTEL reported daily snowmelt rates of around one-half inch of water equivalent during late March. With these melt rates, snowpacks will not last very long in southern and central Idaho, and streams will recede to low flow conditions several weeks earlier than normal.

PRECIPITATION

Idaho's SNOTEL system reported below normal mountain precipitation during March, with most sites receiving only 50-75% of average. March is typically the last month of significant snow accumulation in the mountains. The National Weather Service reported below normal precipitation at valley stations for the fifth month in a row. Though the state overall averaged below normal precipitation, several stations reported above normal amounts. Lewiston reported 105% of normal, and Twin Falls received 128%. In the parched southeast corner of the state, Grace received a welcome 150% of normal, and Pocatello reported 2.28 inches of precipitation for 243% of normal. Monthly temperatures for Idaho's valleys were uncommonly warm

and averaged 3.5 degrees above normal. The low precipitation and warm temperatures have allowed many farmers to begin spring planting activities several weeks earlier than normal.

RESERVOIRS

Rising streamflows in late March signaled the beginning of the runoff season, and reservoir operators in central and southern Idaho are storing as much water as possible. Most reservoirs in the state report an increase in storage over last month. Northern Idaho, the Payette basin, and Snake mainstem reservoirs report near or above normal storage for this time of year. Elsewhere, conditions are below normal. The lowest storages in the state include Montpelier Creek Reservoir (15% of capacity), Salmon Falls Reservoir (20%), Dakley Reservoir (23%), and Magic Reservoir (27%). Irrigators in these basins should plan for possible severe water shortages this summer. Elsewhere, conditions are somewhat better. with the upper Snake reporting 83% of capacity and the Boise system 54% full. All irrigators should keep in touch with their local irrigation districts for more specific information.

STREAMFLOW

Streamflow volumes increased during March, reflecting the beginning of snowmelt, but were still below normal across most of the state. The Boise River reported only 68% of normal flow for the month; the Salmon at Whitebird produced 73%. Volumes were near normal in the upper Snake basin and northern Idaho, where snowpack conditions are closer to average. Streamflow forecasts for the coming spring and summer reflect the current snowpack situation. Outlooks for northern Idaho range from 80 to 110% of average, central and southern Idaho streams are expected to produce only 30 to 60% of normal volumes, and eastern Idaho and the upper Snake River look somewhat better with forecasts in the 60 to 80% of normal range. the warm temperatures of early April continue, streamflow peaks will be several weeks earlier than normal, especially in central and southern Idaho, where snowpacks are minimal. Water shortages are likely in many areas of Idaho, including the Wood, Lost, Mud Lake, Salmon Falls, Oakley, Raft, and Great Basin areas. All water users should keep in touch with their local irrigation districts for more specific information.

RECREATIONAL OUTLOOK

Warm temperatures, melting snowpack, and rising streamflows should have whitewater enthusiasts enjoying Idaho's rivers several weeks earlier than normal this year. Northern Idaho rivers like the Moyie, St. Joe, Lochsa and Selway promise the biggest water due to the near normal snowpack. In contrast, the southwest desert rivers (Owyhee and Bruneau) may not provide enough water for crafts larger than canoes or kayaks. Central mountain rivers should peak several weeks earlier than normal, providing earlier access, warmer water, and better fishing.

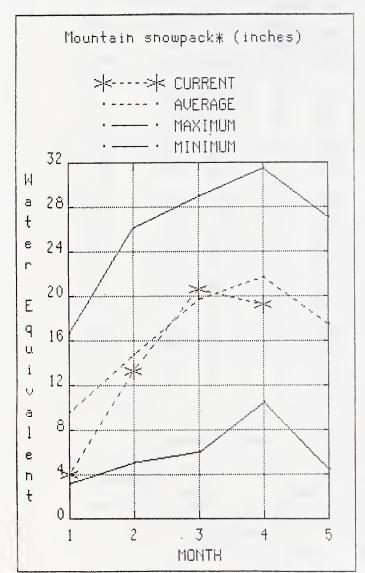
OTHER INFORMATION

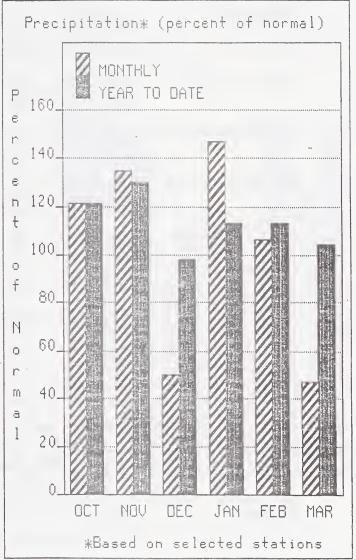
The Soil Conservation Service is currently reviewing its snowpack data collection network to increase program efficiency and improve streamflow forecast accuracy. Emphasis is being placed on maximum utilization of the automated SNOTEL system, which has proven its accuracy and reliability in over 10 years of operation. All streamflow forecast procedures are being analyzed using recently developed statistical methods to determine which data combinations result in the best forecasts. Streamflow forecasting procedures using SNOTEL data are as accurate as, and sometimes more accurate than, procedures using manual snow course measurements. Our analysis indicates that some manual snow courses are unnecessary because they are not needed in forecast equations, or they are providing redundant information when compared to nearby SNOTEL sites or other snow courses in the This summer, you will be provided with basin. background information on our network review and a list of snow course candidates for elimination. snow course will be eliminated if it compromises our ability to produce accurate water supply forecasts. Your comments will be requested concerning any snow courses that have special uses outside of our water supply forecasting program. The resources saved through elimination of unnecessary snow courses will be used to expand the existing SNOTEL network during the 1990's.



Upper Columbia Basin

APRIL 1, 1990





WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Mountain precipitation for March, reported by the SNOTEL system, was well below normal at only 53% of average. Water year to date (Oct-Mar) precipitation figures are still well above normal, due to the extremely heavy precipitation received in previous months. Snowpacks in the Upper Columbia basin range from 70 to 116% of average, with the basin as a whole reporting 89% of average. This is a decrease from last month's snowpack of 105% of average. With near normal storage in five key reservoirs and near normal runoff conditions expected, water supplies should be adequate this season to meet most user needs.

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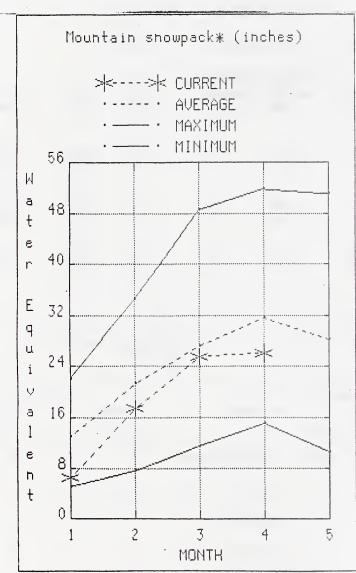
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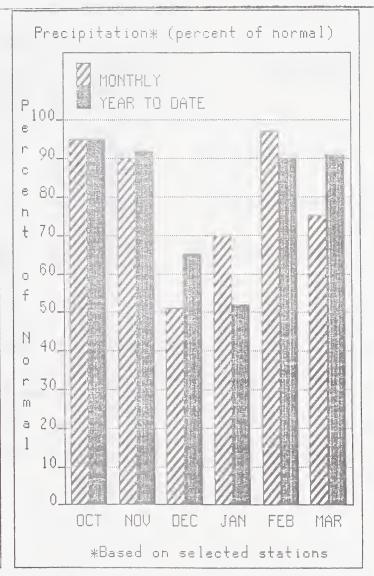
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Clearwater River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Below normal precipitation during March has reduced the basin snowpack from the 97% figure reported last month to 86% as of April 1. Warm temperatures during late March and early April have started the snowmelt season a few weeks earlier than normal, and if the trend continues, most streams should peak earlier than normal. Whitewater boaters should prepare for a slightly earlier than normal runoff season on the Lochsa and Selway Rivers. Dworshak Reservoir reports above normal storage for this time of year at 120% of average and 69% of capacity. Streamflow projections remain optimistic, with the Clearwater at Orofino expected to produce 80% of normal flow. These figures indicate an adequate water supply to meet most user needs this year.

CLEARWATER RIVER BASIN

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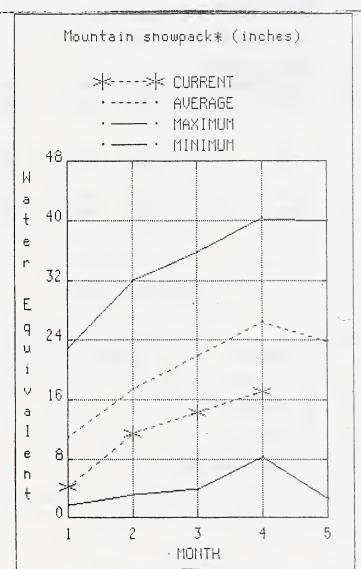
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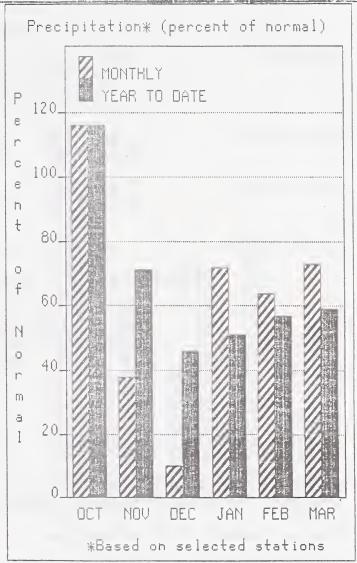
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Salmon River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

The central Idaho mountains received only about 60% of normal precipitation during March. The basin snowpack is now 69% of normal, down slightly from Warm weather at the end of March and early April has started the snowmelt process a few weeks early, with even high elevation SNOTEL sites showing melt. With the early melt and low streamflow forecasts, water users can expect earlier as well as reduced peak flows and an earlier return to low flow conditions. Volume forecasts for the Apr-Sep period are 58% of average at Salmon and 64% at Whitebird. Irrigators on smaller tributary streams could experience shortages this season and should plan their water use carefully. Whitewater enthusiasts can expect earlier access to their favorite streams and earlier peak flows unless a significant cold spell during April slows the snowmelt cycle.

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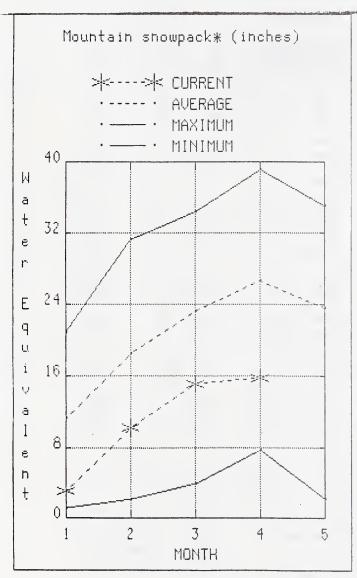
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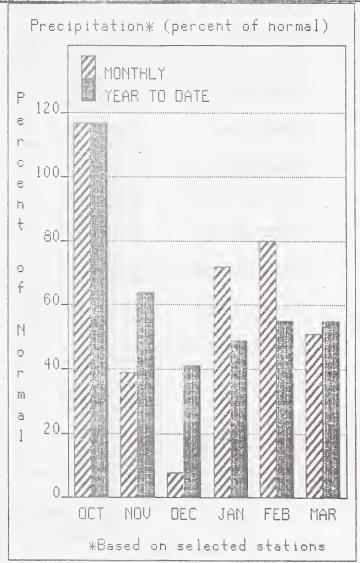
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Weiser, Payette, and Boise River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Below normal precipitation during March, coupled with snowmelt in late March and early April has reduced the snowpack in the west-central mountains from the figures reported a month ago. As of April 1, snowpacks in the area are only 50-60 percent of normal. Streamflow forecasts have dropped accordingly, and range from 45 to 63% of normal. Reservoir storage is near normal in the Payette basin, and below normal in the Boise. The three major reservoirs on the Boise system report a combined storage of 54% of capacity. The Boise Project Board of Control has announced a 1.5 acrefoot per acre allotment (only 40% of average), but forecasted inflows to the system could improve this figure during the runoff season.

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ANDERSON RANCH	464.2	269.1	150.5	278.1	l South	Fork Payette		7	60	61
ARROWROCK	286.6	173.0	199.2	227.8	(Payet	te River Tota	1	16	61	60
LUCKY PEAK	307.0	137.4	157.8	153.2		e & North For	k Boise	7	63	64
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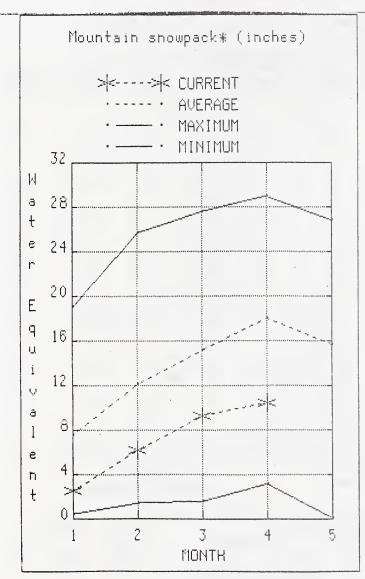
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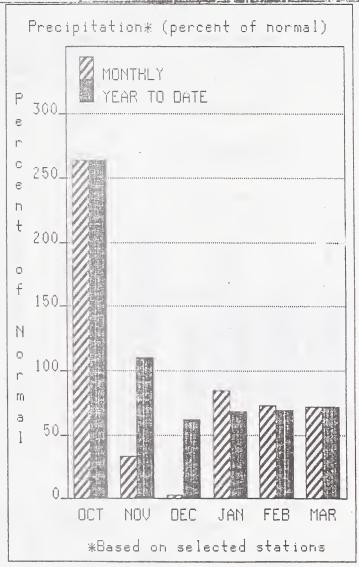
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Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, and Little Lost River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Irrigators in the Wood and Lost River basins are facing a critical situation with low snowpack, low reservoir storage, low soil moisture, and low streamflow forecasts. Dry and warm conditions in March have reduced snowpacks in the area to well below normal conditions. Camas Creek reports only 28% of average snowpack for April 1. Magic Reservoir reports a storage of only 27% of capacity. With well below normal streamflows forecast for the area, water users should prepare for critical water shortages this summer.

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	APR-JUL APR-JUN	60 51	85 85	 	96 77	50 l				192 148
16 LOST bl Mackay Reservoir (2)	APR-SEP	57	77	1	91	47 1	105	125		195
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MACKAY	44.5	27.6	26.7	33.3	l Litt	le Wood River	3	1	48	44
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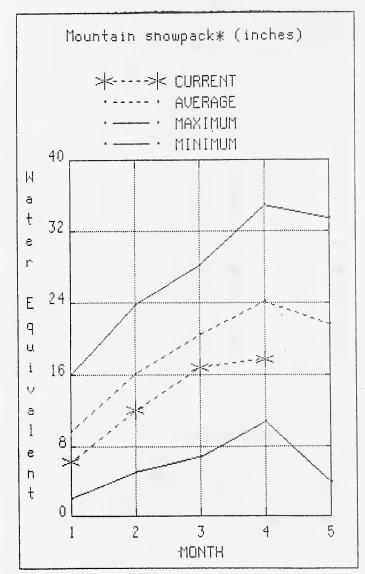
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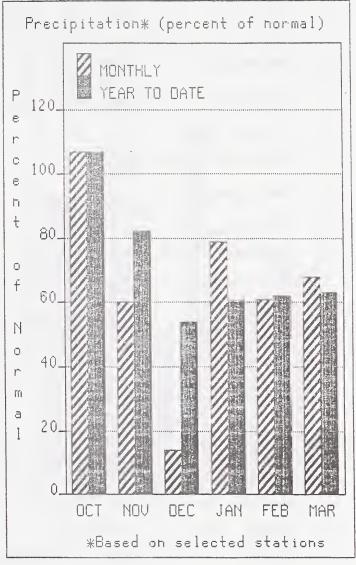
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Willow Creek, Blackfoot, Upper Snake, and Portneuf River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Snowpacks in eastern Idaho have declined from the figures reported last month, and are now in the 65-75% of normal range. Water supplies look optimistic on the Snake mainstem, but may be lower on many of the tributaries. Streamflow forecasts currently range from 53% of normal on the Portneuf to 80% on the Snake near Moran. Early snowmelt and warm temperatures in late March and early April should produce earlier than normal peak flows and recession to low flow conditions. Water users should keep in touch with their local irrigation districts for more specific information.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

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FORECAST POINT	FORECAST			- CHANCE OF	EXCEEDING + -			
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KENRYS FORK nr Ashton (2)	APR-SEP APR-JUL	445 335	485 360	I 510	88 88	I 535 I 400	575 425	746 557
	HIN VOL	933	300	1	00	1	163	337
HENRYS FORK or Rexburg (2)	APR-SEP	725	880	1 980	61	1080	1230	1575
	APR-JUL	550	670	750	60	830	950	1250
FALLS nr Squirre1 (1,2)	APR-JUL	205	240	1 265	71	1 290	325	373
TETON of Claim Char Origina	APR-SEP	110	125	I 135	70	1 1 145	160	194
TETON ab S Leigh Ck nr Origgs	APR-JUL	80	91	1 99	68	1 107	118	145
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TETON nr St. Anthony	APR-SEP	265	295	1 350	67	(345	375	479
	APR-JUL	215	240	1 260	67	1 280	305	387
SNAKE nr Moran (1,2)	APR-SEP	570	665	710	80	1 755	850	888
PALISADES RESERVOIR inflow (1,2)	APR-SEP	2280	2700	1 2890	75	1 3080	3500	3852
SNAKE nr Heise (2)	APR-SEP	2300	2780	1 3100	75	1 3420	3900	4142
SHAKE III HELSE (E)	APR-JUL	1920	2320	1 5900		1 2880	3280	3524
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SNAKE nr 81ackfoot (1,2)	APR-SEP	3120	3650	1 4030	71	4410	5000	5680
	APR-JUL	2520	2970	1 3270	71	3570	4040	4589
PORTNEUF at Topaz	APR-JUL	25	34	1 40	53	1 46	56	75
	APR-SEP	31	43	1 50	52	1 58	69	96
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1SLANO PARK	127.6		90.0		Camas-Beaver Creeks			58				
GRASSY LAKE	15.2	12.9	9.5	11.2	Henrys Fork River	13	63	75				
JACKSON LAKE	824.7	579.8	143.9	525.9	l Teton River	9	59	68				
PAL1SAGES	1357.0	1142.1	699.8	968.2	I Snake above Palisades	31	69	74				
AMERICAN FALLS	1700.0	1527.3	1418.8	1452.5	I Snake above Jackson Lake	10	65	75				
8ROWNLEE	975.3	636.3	645.8	449.1	I Gros Ventre River	3	77	87				
8LACKF00T	348.7	169.7	167.8	260.7	I Greys River	5	71	69				
HENRYS LAKE	90.4	88.1	69.8	80.1	 Salt River	6	78	66				
RIRIE	96.5	53.8	48.3	53.1	Willow Creek	9	50	59				
					 Blackfoot River	9	66	64				
					l Portneuf River	12	56	55				
					1 Toponce Creek	3	50	50				

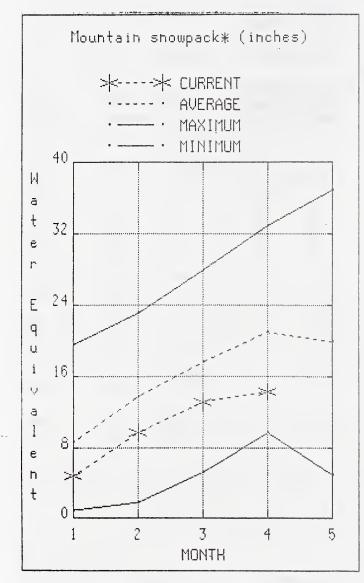
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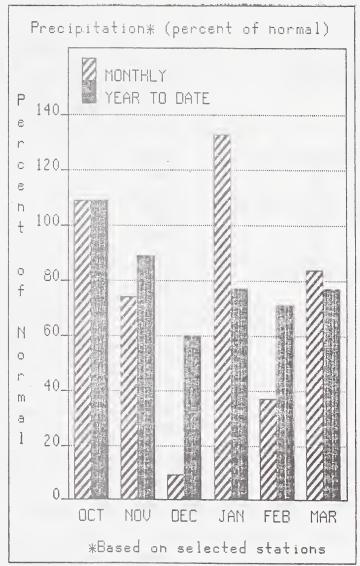
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Southside Snake River Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Warm weather and low precipitation have combined to reduce snowpack conditions significantly in the basins of southern Idaho. Snowpacks currently range from 41% of normal on the Owyhee to 70% on the Bruneau. Warm temperatures during March have melted much of the snowpack in the Owyhee basin. soils absorbed much of the snowmelt due to the slow melt rates, and very little runoff was generated. Storage remains good in Owyhee reservoir however, which is at 78% of capacity. The situation is not so good in Salmon Falls reservoir, where irrigators are facing their lowest allotment in the last 22 years. Oakley reservoir is in a similar situation, with only 23% of normal storage. Water users on the south side of the Snake should plan their operations carefully this season, and stay in touch with their local irrigation districts for more information.

SOUTHSIDE SNAKE RIVER BASIN

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FORECAST POINT	PERIOD I	90%	70%	1 5	O% (MOST	XCEEDING * PROBABLE) (% AVG.)	30%		25 YR. (1000AF)
AKLEY RESERVOIR inflow	APR-SEP APR-JUL	3.0 2.0	8.0 7.0	1	13.0 12.0	40 · [18.0 17.0	26 24	33 30
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ALMON FALLS CK nr San Jacinto	APR-SEP	9.0	29	1	43	47	57	78	90
	APR-JUL	7.0	56	1	40	47	54	74	85
	APR-JUN	8.0	59	- 1	38	48 (50	68	80
RUNEAU nr Hot Spring	APR-SEP	54	93	i	120	51	147	187	237
, ,	APR-JUL	52	90	l ,	115	51 I	140	178	.224
WYHEE nr Gold Ck (2)	APR-JUL	3.0	10.0	1	15.0	54	20	27	28
WYHEE nr Owyhee (2)	APR-JUL	12.0	32	1	46	53	60	80	86
WYHEE nr Rome (2)	APR-JUL	19.0	96	- I - I	163	44	530	330	371
WYHEE RESERVOIR inflow (1,2)	APR-SEP	21	144	1	200	44	255	380	455
	APR-JUL	19.0	134	i	187	44 1	240	355	427
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AKLEY	77.4	17.5	18.4	34.0	•	River	9	58	59
ALMON FALLS	182.6	36.9	40.0	62.3	l Goose	e-Trapper Cree	ks 6	5 3	55
WYHEE	715.0	555.8	612.6	579.0	Salmo	on Falls Creek	11	62	66
					l Brune	eau River	9	61	70

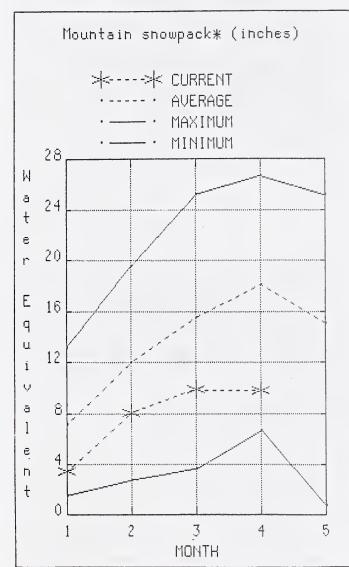
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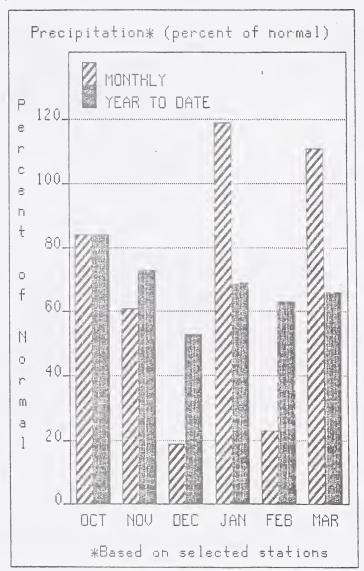
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Great Basin

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Southeastern Idaho received several inches of much needed rainfall in the valleys during March, but warm temperatures offset any increases in the mountain snowpack. Snowpacks have decreased considerably since March 1 and now range from 27% of normal on the Malad River to 68% on the Bear. Reservoir storage continues to be below normal, with Bear Lake reporting 53% of capacity, and Montpelier Creek reservoir only 15% full. Irrigators should be prepared for possibly serious water shortages this summer and should keep in touch with their local irrigation districts for more specific information.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS I <----- DRIER ----- FUTURE CONDITIONS ----- WEITER ----- I FORECAST POINT FORECAST | ------ CHANCE OF EXCEEDING * -----PERIOD | 90% 70% | 50% (MOST PROBABLE) | 30% 10% (1000AF) (1000AF) | (1000AF) (% AVG.) | (1000AF) (1000AF) | (1000AF) 1 150 48 .1 APR-SEP 31 83 215 315 BEAR or Harer 310 APR-SEP 1.4 3.7 I 6.5 47 I 9.3 13.4 13.9 MONTPELIER CK or Montpelier APR-SEP I 26 APR-JUL 11.0 19.0 I 24 50 I 51 I 30 38 CUB nr Preston 52 47 RESERVOIR STORAGE (1000AF) WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS USEABLE | ** USEABLE STORAGE ** | NO. THIS YEAR AS % OF COURSES -----CAPACITY! THIS LAST ! WATERSHED RESERVOIR

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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Soil Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthy or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthy and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

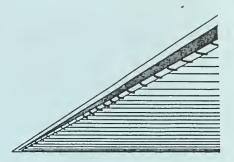
Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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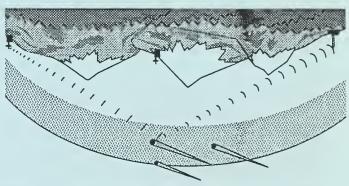


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